General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 223

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LCO No. **1483**

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
  (PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1   Section 1. Section 29-265b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3   (a) Any state agency or commercial enterprise that begins
4 installation of an automatic lawn sprinkler system on or after October
5 1, 2003, shall equip such sprinkler system with a rain sensor device or
6 switch that will automatically override the irrigation cycle of such
7 sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

8   (b) **[**A municipality may, by ordinance adopted by its legislative
9 body, require that any automatic lawn sprinkler system, the
10 installation of which begins on or after October 1, 2003, shall be
11 equipped with a rain sensor device or switch that will automatically
12 override the irrigation cycle of such sprinkler system when adequate
13 rainfall has occurred.**]** Any residential installation of an automatic
14 lawn sprinkler system on or after October 1, 2006, shall be equipped
15 with a rain sensor device or switch that will automatically override the

16   irrigation cycle of such sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has

17   occurred.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2006*	29-265b

Statement of Purpose:

To promote water conservation by requiring installation of an override device to stop automatic sprinkler systems after adequate rainfall.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]